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take official action, especially since Cuba not included within COCOM controls. However member of Spaak Cabinet is approaching both

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Fact that at least some of proposed shipment is of American origin, making it violation of American Export Controls, is added factor which Rothschild hopes will be persuasive with these companies.

of product and [] apparently is present owner only involved as local transporter.

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In any event, Rothschild said Spaak has asked his staff examine possibility for creation of official basis for preventing future shipments. Foreign Office Legal Advisor studying whether this might be done by administrative decree or whether legislative action required.

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He assured us however of Foreign Office's sympathy with our problem and its desire to be as helpful as possible.

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